

Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1

Individual Application Summary

Project Name [Number]	Camarillo Library 1003	Current Square Footage	16,500
Applicant	Camarillo, City of	Project Square Footage	65,621
Operating Library Jurisdiction	County of Ventura	Service Area Population:	66,345
Project Type	New Library		
Project Priority	1st	Anticipated Construction Start Date:	4/1/2004
Joint Use Type	Joint Venture		
Multipurpose?	NO	Total Project Amount	\$24,558,036
Leased Site:	NO	State Grant Amount	\$15,621,473

Bond Act Factors [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
Urban/Rural:		[see map]
Population Growth:		116%
Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):		Yes
Age and Condition of Existing Library:	Poor Condition (= Very Good)	
Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:	Outstanding	
Plan of Service integrates appropriate technology:	Outstanding	
Appropriateness of Proposed Site:	Outstanding	
Overall Rating:		Outstanding

Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 116%

Age and Condition of Existing Facility The existing facility was built in 1974 and it has not been renovated. Major deficiencies of the current facility: the building has not been updated for ADA accessibility or seismic considerations; inadequate technological infrastructure; lack of flexibility for service purposes; and inadequate size to serve the current and projected population.

Needs of Residents/Response of Proposed Project to Needs The needs assessment process included a variety of methods for residents to provide input. Analysis of demographic data led to appropriate conclusions concerning library service needs both for the general library users and also K-12 students.

The plan of service correlates well with the needs assessment and is well organized, with goals and objectives phrased in terms of benefits to the clientele. In addition to the partnership with the school, there is a partnership with community businesses to provide literacy services, demonstrating that the library is a part of the fabric of the community. K-12 student needs are identified and programs are developed jointly (City/County and School District) to meet needs.

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The building program is well organized. Collections spaces are shown with projected growth to 2020. Almost all adjacencies mentioned in the needs assessment are carried through to the building program.

The conceptual plans adequately incorporate the requirements of the building program.

Joint use agreement: Homework Center This agreement represents a partnership with mutual benefits and responsibilities for both participants. Each participant will provide staffing and funding to operate the joint venture services. The homework center will be staffed 3-4 hours, Monday through Friday.

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology The application of technology is considered throughout the planning documents. Specific technology uses include current and future staff needs as well as patron needs.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site The site is centered both geographically and according to projected population growth. Because the proposed project is located in a suburban area, prominence of public transit is limited, but an additional sheltered transit stop is planned for the site. In addition, dial-a-ride services are available to older and disabled residents. The site is accessible by public and private transportation, by bicycle, and by pedestrian walkways.

Financial Capacity The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.